Global Digital Compact Alignment Summary

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Digital transformation is a fundamental driver of socio-economic progress, reshaping how societies interact, govern, and innovate. As noted in the Global Digital Compact, digital technologies are dramatically transforming our world and offer immense potential benefits for the well-being and advancement of people and societies and for our planet, holding out the promise of accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (GDC, p. 1). To realize these benefits, initiatives must move beyond simple connectivity to address systemic barriers to digital inclusion, ensuring that marginalized populations and developing regions can participate meaningfully in the global digital economy.

Achieving an equitable digital future requires a coordinated, multi-stakeholder approach that prioritizes capacity building and the closing of persistent digital divides. The inclusive participation of all States and other stakeholders is the cornerstone of this Compact, and cooperation must aim to close the digital divides within and between States and advance an equitable digital environment for all (GDC, p. 8a). By focusing on responsible innovation and the development of local digital ecosystems, development programs can empower individuals with the skills and tools necessary to navigate an increasingly complex technological landscape, thereby fostering sustainable and rights-based digital growth.

* Closing the digital divide within and between states to ensure equitable access. * Accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through digital innovation. * Strengthening international cooperation and financing for digital capacity development. * Advancing an inclusive, open, safe, and secure digital future for all.

Selected Global Digital Compact Alignments

Trust, Safety, & Integrity › Multi-Stakeholder & Global Cooperation

“Governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, academia and international and regional organizations, in their respective roles and responsibilities, are essential to advance an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital future. Our cooperation will be multi-stakeholder and harness the contributions of all.” (GDC, p. 8k)

Ratified Global Principle

Digital Infrastructure & Governance › International & Multilateral Engagement

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Digital Infrastructure & Governance › International & Multilateral Engagement

“We recognize the urgent need for strengthened data governance cooperation at all levels with the effective, equitable and meaningful participation of all countries and in

consultation with relevant stakeholders to unlock the full potential of digital and emerging technologies. We recognize that this will require capacity-building for developing countries and the development and implementation of data governance frameworks at all levels that maximize the benefits of data use while protecting privacy and securing data. We call on the United Nations system to play a role in promoting capacity-building for responsible and interoperable data governance." (GDC, p. 38)

Ratified Global Principle

Digital Infrastructure & Governance › Environmental Sustainability in Digital Systems

"We call on standards development organizations to collaborate to promote the development and adoption of interoperable artificial intelligence standards that uphold safety, reliability, sustainability and human rights (SDGs 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17)." (GDC, p. 58)

Ratified Global Principle

Digital Infrastructure & Governance › Responsible AI Infrastructure & Governance

"We recognize that digital public goods, which include open-source software, open data, open artificial intelligence models, open standards and open content that adhere to privacy and other applicable international laws, standards and best practices and do no harm, empower societies and individuals to direct digital technologies to their development needs and can facilitate digital cooperation and investment." (GDC, p. 14)

Ratified Global Principle

Digital Infrastructure & Governance › Responsible AI Infrastructure & Governance

"Support interoperability and compatibility of artificial intelligence governance approaches through sharing best practices and promoting common understanding (all SDGs)." (GDC, 55b)

Commitment & Action

Digital Infrastructure & Governance › Responsible AI Infrastructure & Governance

"Assess the future directions and implications of artificial intelligence systems and promote scientific understanding (all SDGs)." (GDC, p. 55a)

Commitment & Action

Human Rights & Inclusivity › Addressing Digital Divide Between States

"The inclusive participation of all States and other stakeholders is the cornerstone of this Compact. Our cooperation will close the digital divides within and between States and advance an equitable digital environment for all." (GDC, p. 8a)

Ratified Global Principle

Human Rights & Inclusivity › Safeguarding Human Rights & Equity in the Digital Space

"This Compact is anchored in international law, including international human rights law. All human rights, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, and fundamental freedoms, must be respected, protected and promoted online and offline. Our cooperation will harness digital technologies to advance all human rights, including the rights of the child, the rights of persons with disabilities and the right to development." (GDC, p. 8c)

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Human Rights & Inclusivity › Empowerment through Digital Skills, Education, and Innovation

"To fully harness the benefits of digital connectivity, we must ensure that people can meaningfully and securely use the Internet and safely navigate the digital space. We recognize the importance of digital skills and lifelong access to digital learning

opportunities, taking into account the specific social, cultural and linguistic needs of each society and persons of all ages and backgrounds. We recognize the need to scale up international cooperation and financing for digital capacity development in developing countries and to support the development of local content and content relevant to local realities online and retain talent.” (GDC, p. 12)

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